



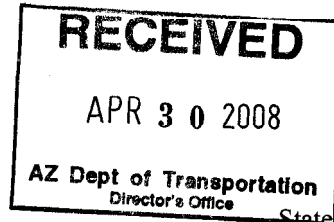
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(727)
Arizona FY 2008-2011
Statewide Transportation Program (STIP)
Approval of Amendments No. 15

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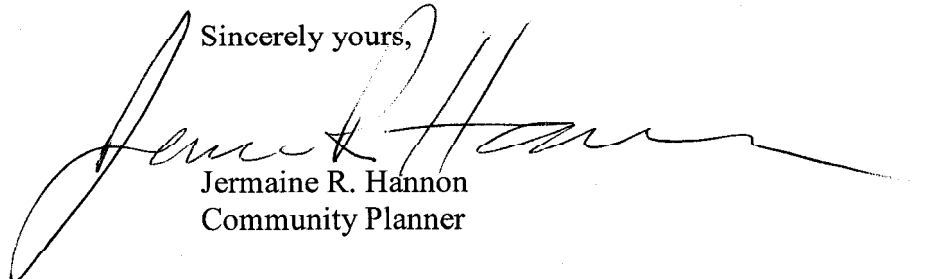
Dear Mr. Mendez:

We have reviewed your April 21, 2008 request to amend the FY 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the Colorado River Bridge/Parker Project as a Pre-Design Underway Project that will ultimately require an Environmental Action.

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this STIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by this amendment are either exempt or are regarded as minor project revisions that do not require conformity determinations [40 CFR §93.126].

This letter constitutes approval, and inclusion of Amendment 15 into the Arizona FY 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Our approval is based upon the Arizona Department of Transportation's assurance that the funding for the project in this amendment will not adversely impact the STIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

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RE: FY 2008-2011 STIP, Amendment Number 15

Dear Mr. Hollis:

As the Governor's designee, I cordially request Amendment Number 15 of the FY 2008-2011 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include a joint project between ADOT and CALTRANS to replace the Colorado River Bridge / Parker. This project is in the scoping phase and should be included in the current STIP for environmental purposes (see attached email).

This amendment is in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirements that a conformity determination be performed. The funding for these projects is already within the approved STIP Financial Plan and therefore does not adversely impact the STIP Financial Plan.

Your prompt approval of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor M. Mendez", is written over a horizontal line.

Victor M. Mendez

VMM/lh

cc: Mary Hewitt
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Attachment

PreDesign Underway Projects

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